

# Celebrate Elwha!

Sept. 13-18, 2011



Your guide to all the events surrounding the Elwha River Restoration project and the removal of the Glines Canyon and Elwha dams — plus a “passport” and map for all the on-site activities taking place in the Elwha River watershed.

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# Celebrate Elwha!

is a multi-day cluster of events surrounding the Elwha River Restoration project that marks the beginning of the largest dam removal project in U.S. history.

With a host of community and regional partners, Olympic National Park invites the public to help "Celebrate Elwha!" Sept. 13-18 through a series of events for all ages centered in Port Angeles, Sequim and the Elwha River valley.

The 108-foot Elwha Dam and the 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam will be torn down to restore salmon habitat as part of the \$325 million project.

The Elwha watershed is the largest in Olympic National Park.

Restoration of all five species of Pacific salmon to more than 70 miles of river and tributaries will also return vital nutrients to the watershed and restore the entire ecosystem.

Activities include Elwha-themed art installations in area galleries, a two-day science symposium, poetry readings and tribal storytelling, music performances and a street fair of educational and interactive booths showcasing the natural diversity and beauty of the North Olympic Peninsula.

The festivities culminate with an invitation-only Sept. 17 ceremony at the Elwha Dam symbolizing the demolition of the two dams.

While the ceremony is not open to the public, people can watch a live simulcast shown at City Pier.

Saturday evening, nationally syndicated radio program "eTown" will record its weekly show at the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center. "eTown" is a weekly radio broadcast heard from coast to coast on NPR, public and commercial stations.

Events wrap up Sept. 18 with "Explore the Elwha," a series of educational activities set up at five locations throughout the Elwha River watershed. Families can participate in these various outdoor scientific, cultural, recreational and historic activities.

Participants can get their commemorative "passports" (found on Pages 8-9) stamped at each activity.

Limited parking is available at each location, plus Explore Tours will be available to bring visitors from City Pier to the watershed sites.



The Elwha River digs a channel through the previously-hidden delta area of Lake Mills behind the Glines Canyon Dam in July 2011. (Photo by Keith Thorpe)

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On the cover – TOP LEFT: Elwha Dam BOTTOM LEFT: Glines Canyon Dam RIGHT: Elwha River

# Schedule of Events

*Schedule is as of Aug. 29. Events are still being planned and subject to change.*

## Tuesday, Sept. 13

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

### Storytelling

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles*  
Storytelling with Carmen Watson.

**6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

### Elwha Voices Poetry Reading

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles*

Hear readings from local and regional poets Brenda Francis, Alice Derry, Christopher Thomas, Charlotte Warren, Tim McNulty, Tor Parker, Monica Charles, Suzie Bennett and Kate Reavey, plus Tess Gallagher will be reading her work as well as the work of her late husband, Raymond Carver.

*See Page 12 for details.*

## Wednesday, Sept. 14

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

### Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's Hatchery Naming Ceremony

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam hatchery, 700 Stratton Road, P.A.*  
Ceremony for the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe's new fish hatchery.

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

### Storytelling

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles*  
Storytelling with Jamie Valadez and Roger Fernandez

**6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (approx.)**

### Elwha Open Mic

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles*

Open mic night for the public to share thoughts on dam removal in any format — poetry, song and storytelling.

*See Page 14 for details.*

**7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

### Celebrate Elwha! in Sequim

*Venue: Holiday Inn Express, 1441 E. Washington St., Sequim*

The Elwha Research Consortium and Elwha Nearshore Consortium hold a free event celebrating the beginning of the Elwha River dam removal and ecosystem restoration project.

*See Page 5 for details.*

## Thursday, Sept. 15

**8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

### Elwha River Science Symposium

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*Keep up-to-date  
online*

Visit these websites for regularly updated information about the "Celebrate Elwha!" event and Elwha River Restoration and its related projects.

### Celebrate Elwha!

[celebrateelwha.com](http://celebrateelwha.com)

### Dam Removal Blog:

[nps.gov/olym/naturescience/dam-removal-blog.htm](http://nps.gov/olym/naturescience/dam-removal-blog.htm)

### Elwha River Restoration website

[nps.gov/olym/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm](http://nps.gov/olym/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm)

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# TRIBAL EVENTS

Culture Jam

Art Exhibit

Celebration Dinner

Open Mic Night

Evening Gala with Senator Bradley and Tom Skerritt

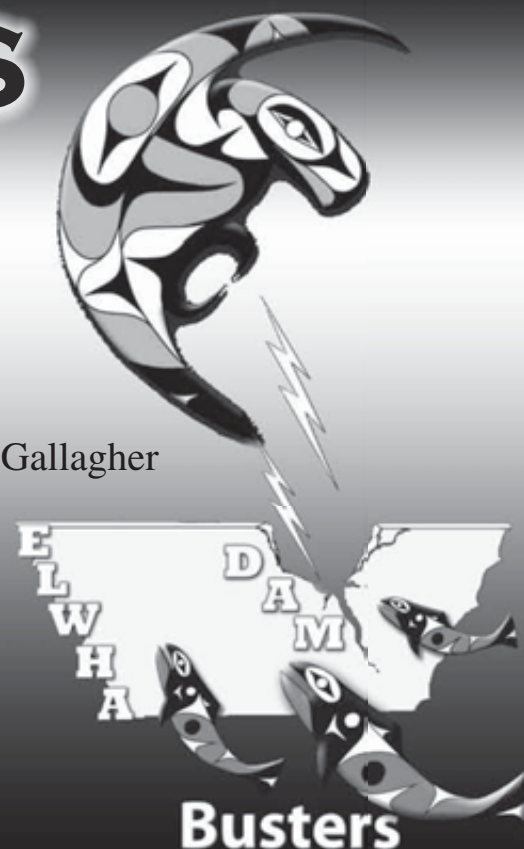
Storytelling by Jamie Valadez, Roger Fernandes and Elaine Grinnell

Poetry Reading which includes Tribal people & Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet Tess Gallagher



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[www.elwha.org](http://www.elwha.org)



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Venue: Peninsula College, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles.

Scientists from around the region will give oral and poster presentations about their ongoing studies of the Elwha River ecosystem.

From fisheries and wildlife to geomorphology and sediment transport, come and learn about the terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems of the Elwha.

This event is sponsored by the Elwha Research Consortium and hosted by Peninsula College.

A reception follows for symposium speakers and attendees.

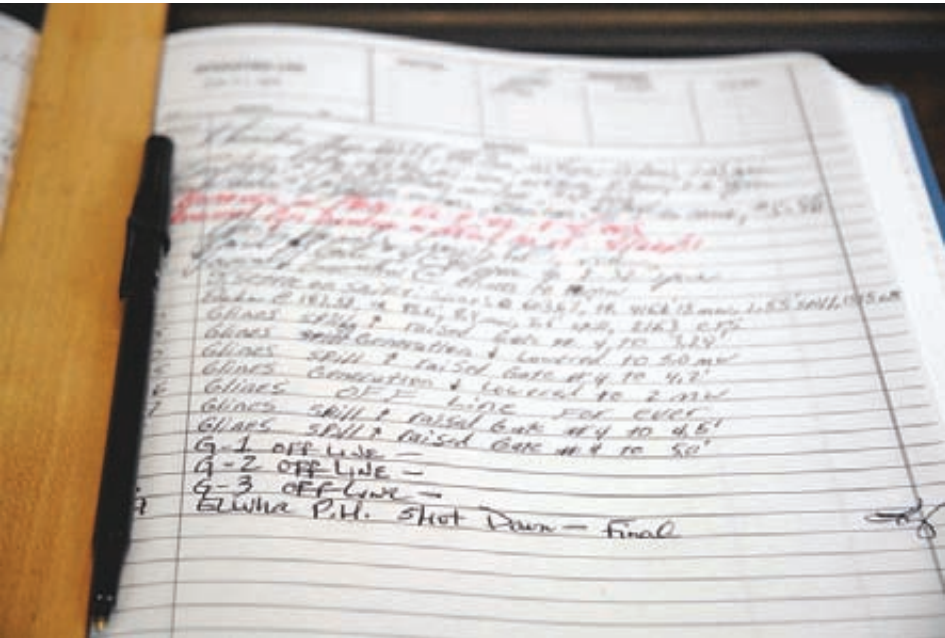
Visit [elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org](http://elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org) to register.

See Page 13 for details.

**5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**  
**Storytelling**  
 Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles  
 Storytelling with Tribal Elders Elaine Grinnell and Ben Charles.

**7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Public Science Presentation by Yvon Chouinard, environmentalist and founder of Patagonia**  
 Venue: Peninsula College gym, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles  
 Yvon Chouinard, noted environmentalist and founder of the outdoor clothing and gear company, Patagonia, will give a free lecture open to the public.

Scientific posters from Symposium will also be on view.



The Elwha Dam’s logbook on its final day of generating electricity. (Photo by Chris Tucker)

Admission is free, but registration is required — [elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org](http://elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org).

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**Friday, Sept. 16**

**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Elwha River Science Symposium**  
*(continues)*  
 A special event as scientists, resource managers and the public gather for a day of reflection, motivation and celebration.

Listen as leaders of the scientific community discuss the meaning and opportunities of the Elwha River Restoration project.

Keynote speaker for the day will be Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy, biodiversity chair of The John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment.

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (approx.)**  
**Coastal Jam Session**  
 Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles

**4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Elwha River Sunset Cruise with Expeditions Northwest**  
 Venue: Expeditions Northwest, P.A.  
 Join Expeditions Northwest on a cruise along the shoreline to the mouth of the Elwha River on the 120-foot *Expeditions*.

You’ll see the significant change in the shoreline and the river’s mouth

since the inception of the dam removal project. Scientists familiar with the nearshore zone and coastline will also be aboard.

*(Cruise is sold out. For more information on Expeditions Northwest cruises, call 360-452-6210.)*

**5 p.m. – 10 p.m.**  
**Gala Fundraising Dinner**  
 Venue: Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. Fourth St., Port Angeles  
 The Lower Elwha Klallam tribe will host an Elwha Restoration Fundraising Dinner Gala.

The cultural celebration of food, wine and art will be for higher education benefiting Native American youth.

Guest speakers are former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley and actor and member of the American Rivers Board of Directors Tom Skerritt.

There will be an auction later in the evening.

Two ticket levels are available at \$150 and \$300, available at the Elwha Klallam Heritage Center and [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

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**7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**  
**Dana Lyons Concert**  
 Venue: Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, 1203 E. Lauridsen Blvd.  
 See and hear comical troubadour Dana Lyons, the Bellingham artist whose humorous ballad “Cows With Guns” was a radio and web hit.

He’s toured in 46 states, Australia, New Zealand, the British Isles, Mexico, Kazakhstan and Siberia.

He has eight CDs to date, including his latest, *Three Legged Coyote*, released in 2009.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 for Friends members. Tickets are available at PAFAC in person or by calling 360-457-3532, at Port Book & News in Port Angeles, and at the door.

See Page 12 for details.

**8:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.**  
**Poetry Reading**  
 Venue: Bar N9ne, 229 W. First St., Port Angeles  
 This event features local poet Seán Mac Falls and seven of his poems.

Poems will be portrayed through voice, music, time-lapse photography, paint, video and performance art.

The show is a prelude to the band Yogoman Burning Band.

**7:30 p.m.**  
**After Hours Music**  
 Venue: Wine on the Waterfront, The Landing, 115. E Railroad Ave., P.A.  
 In just a few months, Linda Dowdell and Craig Buhler have become the must-see jazz duo on the Peninsula.

Linda has worked as a composer, arranger and band member in a variety of genres and has a deep love for the work of Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington, while Craig is a much sought-after musician with a vast library of studio recordings and an encyclopedic knowledge of rarely performed classic American jazz standards.

Together they make for a wonderful night of classic jazz. \$3 cover.

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

**9 a.m. – 7 p.m.**  
**Celebrate Elwha! on the Pier**  
 Venue: Elwha Central on the Port Angeles City Pier  
 Learn about all the weekend’s activities and Elwha River Restoration at Celebrate Elwha’s main hub and informational booth.

See demonstrations of the Elwha watershed after dam removal, listen to live music and visit the environmental groups that contribute to preserving the North Olympic Peninsula’s many natural wonders.

See Page 6 for details.

**11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Dam Removal Ceremony**  
*(invitation only)*  
 Venue: Elwha River Dam  
 The Lower Elwha Klallam tribe, National Park Service and Department of Interior will commemorate the deconstruction of the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams.

Federal and state dignitaries, the many scientists, government employees and non-governmental partners who have worked on the decades-old project have been invited along with Lower Elwha tribal members.

Invited dignitaries include Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Chair Frances Charles, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Gov. Chris Gregoire, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Sens. Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, Rep. Norm Dicks and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Echohawk.

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# Where to Watch

While the Sept. 17 ceremony at the Elwha Dam is limited to invited guests only, the event will be live-streamed at 11 a.m. to “Elwha Central” at Port Angeles City Pier.

It will be rebroadcast at City Pier at 5:30 p.m.

Actual demolition of the Elwha Dam will begin the week after the celebrations.

During the dam removal process, public access is closed to both the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams. However, Olympic National Park and Clallam County have teamed up to construct a publicly accessible trail leading from the Elwha RV Park, just off Highway 112, to a prime viewpoint overlooking the Elwha Dam.

The trail is 1/8-mile long and features interpretive displays on Elwha River Restoration, as well as more ways to experience the Elwha. On Sunday, Sept. 18, park rangers will be on site at the trail from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (See Page 10.)

The National Park Service is working to provide public viewing opportunities at the upper Glines Canyon dam by summer 2012.

Webcams have been installed along the Elwha River for the primary purpose of monitoring sediment transport. Cameras facing each of the dams will also show the dams coming down, section by section, through regularly updated still images.

Links to each webcam will be available from the Olympic National Park website and are expected to be operational by mid-September.

A series of short videos will be added to the park’s Elwha homepage.

The first five-minute webisode, added this summer, offers a brief look at the river’s recent history and features interviews with key players in the Elwha story, including tribal elders, dam operators and National Park Service employees.

The video was produced by Wings Over Watersheds, a nonprofit organization focused on watershed education. Wings Over Watersheds will produce additional web videos, a longer visitor center orientation film and a 60-minute documentary. The first video and later installments can be viewed or downloaded by visiting the park’s website.



## Elwha River Stories *in Sequim*

Listen to three different ways the story of the Elwha River will be told — in film, print and science.

The Elwha Research Consortium and Elwha Nearshore Consortium are hosting “Elwha River Stories” Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The free event is held at the Holiday Inn Express in Sequim.

Featured speakers include:

- **John Gussman**, photographer and documentary filmmaker with Doubleclick Productions, will share his experiences on capturing the story of the Elwha River.
- **Lynda V. Mapes**, writer for *The Seattle Times*, will share her experiences covering the story of the dam removal project.
- **Dr. Jonathan Warrick**, research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, will present the scientific methods used to track changes expected in the coastal areas of the Elwha River.

## Celebrate Elwha! in Seattle

A coalition of Seattle-area groups will celebrate the removal of the Elwha River dams at the Mountaineers OutdoorsFest in Seattle.

The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Magnuson Park, 7700 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle.

Activities include a live stream of the Elwha Dam Removal Ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., information on how local community groups are making a difference in the Elwha watershed and sign-ups for family programs being offered on the Elwha River.

Kids can participate in different activities including creating salmon hats, participating in a “mock” dam removal at noon and becoming a junior ranger.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to talk to an Olympic National Park ranger about the project, its history and benefits to culture, wildlife and habitat, plus interact with a hands-on model of the Elwha watershed.

Coalition partners include Discover Your Northwest, The Mountaineers, Nature-Bridge, National Parks Conservation Association, Olympic National Park, Student Conservation Association, Tribal Leaders and Washington’s National Park Fund.

OutdoorsFest is geared at getting people outdoors. Indoor and outdoor climbing walls, seminars, a trivia fun run, beer garden, outdoor gear vendors with their latest innovations and conservation groups will fill the Program Center in the northwest expanse of Magnuson Park along Lake Washington.



## The Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center in Sequim is proud to Celebrate Elwha and support the Dam removal project.



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# Elwha Central

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Saturday, Sept. 17  
Port Angeles City Pier  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
FREE

Port Angeles City Pier will be transformed into Elwha Central on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Attendees will find vendors and informational booths providing information on all of the programs involved in Celebrate Elwha, environmental exhibits, national park books and souvenirs, local artists whose work relates to the theme of Celebrate Elwha, food, music and a large screen video broadcast of the Elwha Dam ceremony.

#### Activities include:

- Elwha Central Information Center
- Learn all about the Celebrate Elwha events and Elwha River Restoration program
- Watch the dam ceremony remote broadcast
- Sign up for Sunday education programs on the Elwha by NatureBridge

- National Park Service Elwha River Restoration Exhibit
- Feiro Marine Life Center will offer family activities and the Elwha River Exhibit
- Discover Your Northwest – Elwha and National Park books and memorabilia
- Musical guests all day
- Nonprofit organizations
- Crafts artisans
- Merchant booths
- Great local food

#### Participating organizations:

- American Whitewater
- Deer Park Designs
- Discover Your Northwest
- Dry Creek Coalition
- Elwha Science Education Project
- ExploreOlympics – Wirta Hospitality Worldwide
- Feiro Marine Life Center
- National Park Service
- Native American Tours & Little Tree Creations
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- NatureBridge
- North Olympic Chapter of Society of American Foresters
- North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center

- North Olympic Salmon Coalition
- Olympic Peninsula chapter of Surfriders
- People for the Puget Sound
- Princess Valiant Coffee
- Streamkeepers
- The Dam Bag
- The Story People of Clallam County
- Washington State Society of American Foresters
- Wild Olympics Campaign
- Western Washington University – Huxley College of the Environment on the Peninsulas
- Wolf Haven International

#### Food vendors:

- Kokopelli Grill
- Sabai Thai
- Wine on the Waterfront (cheese and other goodies)

Additional programs can be found at The Landing mall (see Page 10), the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Discovery Center and the Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center (see Page 12).

***This program is as of Aug. 25. Schedule and participants are subject to change.***

## Stage Lineup

#### Ranger Jeff Wolin (emcee)

Ranger Jeff Wolin from Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument in Colorado will be performing his danceable, singable children's songs about our national parks.

He is a ranger/singer/songwriter who has performed his songs all over the United States, from the National Mall to science museums.

His concerts are fun, active, memorable and educational. During his show at City Pier, he will debut the song "Run, Fish, Run" about the restoration of the Elwha with youth from the community.

#### Zaya Marimba (providing music throughout the day)

Zaya is a local Zimbabwean-style marimba ensemble based in Port Angeles. Zaya plays joyous, celebratory and engaging songs derived from peoples of southern African nations.

It is rhythmically complex, upbeat and so lively that people want to get up and move, dance and celebrate life!

#### 10 a.m. — Thom Davis

Since the 1960s, Thom Davis has been known as a performer, recording artist, instructor and student of the American musical artform known as "roots," "blues," "folk" and "country blues."

A native Californian, Thom's background isn't typical for a bluesman. His Spanish grandmother planted his musical roots in the Spanish classical and Flamenco guitar when he was seven years old.

Later, Thom started a journey into folk, roots and blues that would take him and his guitar far and wide in many countries.

#### 11 a.m. — Dam Ceremony Simulcast

#### 12:45 p.m. — Harmony and Humor: The Bessier/Morris Group Jazz Elixir

The Bessier/Morris Group mixes up a special jazz elixir of harmony and humor, with an eclectically pleasing mix of swing, Latin, boogaloo and ballads.

Bessier's light and lyrical style melds with Morris' rich vocals and masterful guitar playing to create a magical blend. Joining Bessier and Morris are John MacElwee on stand-up bass and Tom Svornich on drums.

#### 2 p.m. — Ranger Jeff Wolin and Community Youth

#### 3 p.m. — Impulse

Three seasoned musicians with broad professional backgrounds provide the fuel for Impulse's blend of funk, fusion, jazz, Latin and even country and classic pop — a versatile band indeed! You'll hear crisp playing and strong unique vocals.

Skip Morris, guitarist and vocalist, played on the West Coast with various bands from Phoenix, Ariz., to Anchorage, Alaska.

He has taught guitar at the college level and writes the "Player to Player" column in *Just Jazz Guitar* magazine.

#### 4:15 p.m. — Bound to Happen

Bound to Happen blends originals from its own CD ("Mélange") with an eclectic array of soulful American roots music that will have you up on your feet and moving.

The band calls the sound "blues in the blender," incorporating music from multiple genres of blues, soul, gospel, rock, and country.

Bound to Happen features the songwriting teamwork of guitarist Kevin Lee Magner and his sister and vocalist, Mary Magner, and showcases the remarkable and talented guitar work of guitarist/songwriter Scott Bradley.

Add the dynamic rhythm section of drummer Shawn Stanton and bassist Kurt Jensen, and you get a genre jumping sound that is guaranteed to lift your spirits and move your feet.

#### 5:30 p.m. — Rebroadcast of Dam Ceremony



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The Elwha River Road Bridge and other locations along the river will be the sites of various family activities as part of Sunday's "Explore the Elwha." (Photo by Trisha McMahon)

# Explore the Elwha

Sunday, Sept. 18  
Elwha River watershed  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
FREE

Join local organizations for educational family-oriented events in the Elwha River watershed from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18.

Educators from NatureBridge, formerly Olympic Park Institute, and other partner organizations will be stationed at multiple locations on the Elwha River, hosting activities that illustrate the culture, history and recreation the watershed has nourished over the years.

Locations include Port Angeles City Pier/Hollywood Beach, Madison Creek Falls, Highway 101 Elwha Bridge, Elwha River Road Bridge and the mouth of the Elwha River. See the center pullout on Pages 8-9 for descriptions of the activities at each site.

Use the map and "passport" found on the center pullout as you make your way along the river. The passports will be stamped by the different organizations as you visit them.

Explore Tours will be available from City Pier to take visitors to the sites, or visitors can drive themselves.

## Explore Tours:

NatureBridge is providing a guided tour suitable and interactive for all ages. Free shuttles take visitors to all five locations.

To reserve a spot, sign up for a 2½ hour tour at the Olympic National Park welcome booth at City Pier on Saturday and Sunday. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.


Due to travel time, the first tours will depart before the 11 a.m. start time and the last tour will return after 3:30 p.m.

### Round-trip tours depart from City Pier on the following schedule:

- **10:30 a.m.** — 2 buses (28 people total), first stop at Madison Creek Falls
- **11 a.m.** — 1 van (11 people) and 1 bus (14 people), first stop at mouth of the Elwha River
- **1:05 p.m.** — 2 buses (28 people total), at Madison Creek Falls
- **1:35 p.m.** — 1 van (11 people) and 1 bus (14 people) first stop at mouth of the Elwha River

## Buy the last "Dam Bag" you will need!

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## Celebrating the Restoration of the Salmon Habitat

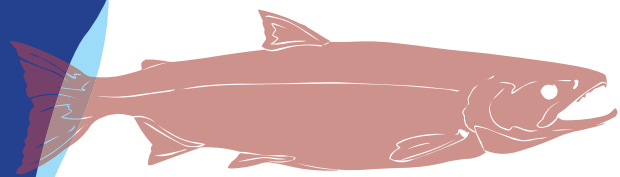
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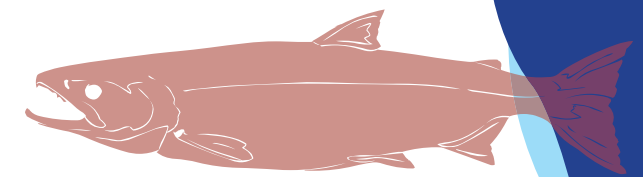
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# Passport to Explore the Elwha



Use this map and commemorative passport as you make your way along the river. Collect passport stamps as you complete each organization's activity. Parking is available at each location for self-guided touring. Limited space is available on Explore Tours that leave from Port Angeles City Pier.

Start your journey by checking in with **Olympic National Park** rangers and find answers to all your Elwha questions and the day's activities.

1

Take a walk-through tour at the **Olympic Coast Discovery Center** to learn about local coastal ecology and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

1

Visit FIN, the **North Olympic Salmon Coalition's** migrating salmon. Crawl through the 25-foot long sculpture to discover the freshwater plant and animal neighbors of local salmon.

1

Visit the **Feiro Marine Life Center** and interact with intertidal life or the Elwha exhibits that feature a hands-on model of Glines Canyon Dam and Like Mills.

1

Practice your salmon identification skills and build a small log jam with **NOAA Fisheries Service**.

2

Step back in time with **NatureBridge** to discover how humans interacted with the Elwha River before and after it was dammed.

2

Learn about revegetation in the Elwha with the **North Olympic Skills Center**. Take home plant seeds for a restoration project in your own backyard.

2

Join **Western Washington University Huxley College of the Environment in the Peninsulas** and enter a kingfisher nest, learn impressive Elwha facts about habitats and learn from student and faculty work.

3



**Streamkeepers** will run a "Find Your Watershed" activity where you will learn about salmon, bug health and human impacts on your local streams.

3

Join **National Geographic FieldScope** and track the origin of materials used to make pencils.

3

Join **Olympic National Park** staff in diagnosing the Elwha River's health by collecting samples of macroinvertebrates in the river and learning their function.

4

Join the **Washington State Society of American Foresters** and discuss the rich mixture of forest land ownership, forest management programs and the diverse resulting benefits.

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Measure river sediments with **NatureBridge** and learn why substrate is important to salmon.

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Learn about orcas and salmon! **The Whale Trail** will feature interactive art and games focused on the orcas and the salmon they depend on.

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Find out "What's in Your Beach Sand?" with the **Surfrider Foundation** and then participate in a "Beach in a Bag" activity.

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**NatureBridge Elwha Science Education Project** will show you how to use water quality equipment to conduct water quality tests.

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## Watershed Locations

1. City Pier/Hollywood Beach, near intersection of Lincoln Street/Railroad Avenue
2. Madison Creek Falls, follow Olympic Hot Springs Road to Madison Creek Falls
3. Highway 101 Elwha Bridge, park in the gravel lot on the big turn
4. Elwha River Road Bridge, take Elwha River Road and turn onto Crown Z Water Road
5. Mouth of the Elwha River, end of Place Road





## Films, Art at Landing Mall

Films related to ecology and making and keeping our environment healthy and beautiful will be shown at The Landing mall in Port Angeles, while artists will share their individual perspectives in an art exhibit at the same venue.

The **Celebrate Elwha River Film Festival** is free to the public. Films will be shown in Room 205 of The Landing mall, 115 E. Railroad Ave.

Screenings are scheduled for Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Films to be shown include "The Center of it All," "Don't Move a Mussel," Robert Lundahl's "Unconquering the Last Frontier," Ken Burns' "America's Best Idea," John Gussman's "The Elwha Valley etc.," "The Irate Bird Watcher," Elia Kaza's "Wild River" and "Lords of Nature."

Times will be posted on [celebrateelwha.com](http://celebrateelwha.com) and posted outside of The Landing mall.

The **Celebrate Elwha Art Exhibit** will also be centered at The Landing mall.

Artists from the North Olympic Peninsula and surrounding areas share their individual perspectives on the Olympic Mountains and aquatic wonders, as well as dam removal and the mystical Elwha River and the animals that share this part of the planet with us.



Hikers stand near the end of the Hurricane Hill Trail atop Hurricane Ridge. (Photo by Chris Tucker)

## Explore Trails with ONP Rangers

*On Sunday, Sept. 18, Olympic National Park rangers will offer free guided hikes from Hurricane Ridge and answer questions along the new Elwha Dam Viewpoint trail.*

### Hurricane Ridge

The ranger-guided hikes begin at the Hurricane Hill trailhead and will highlight the cultural and natural history of the Elwha watershed.

Start times are 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Hikes last approximately 2½ hours.

The 1.6-mile (3.2 miles round-trip) trail is moderately strenuous and has a 700-foot elevation gain.

### Elwha Dam Trail

Rangers will be on site at the new Elwha Dam overlook trail from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parking for the trail is located just off Highway 112 at Lower Dam Road, less than a mile from the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and Highway 112 west of Port Angeles.

As the Elwha Dam is being torn down during the next three years, people can watch the process from this trail.

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Tom Skeritt will be the MC of the ceremony, along with Superintendent Karen Gustin.

Due to space limitations at the dam, attendance at the ceremony is by invitation only. However, a simulcast will be broadcast at Elwha Central at the Port Angeles City Pier and the Mountaineers' OutdoorsFest in Seattle.

## 5 p.m. – late Elwha Celebration

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Center gymnasium, 2851 Lower Elwha Road, Port Angeles*

## 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### “Brats, Brew and Wine, Too” Harbor Tour

*Venue: Expeditions Northwest, Port Angeles*

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While you're cruising the harbor, you can also watch a slide show of the “Years of the Elwha.”

Cost for the cruise is \$25. To make a reservation, call Expeditions Northwest at 360-452-6210.

## 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

### “eTown” Recording

*Venue: Port Angeles High School, 304 E Park Ave.*

The nationally syndicated radio program “eTown” will be taped from Port Angeles with interviews and live performances from the Port Angeles High School auditorium.

Every “eTown” show is taped in front of a live audience and features performances by singers and bands, strung together with interview segments and other features.

This special two-hour taping will include musical guests Eliza Gilkyson, Cake and Danny Barnes with hosts Nick and Helen Forster.

“eTown” is a weekly radio broadcast heard from coast to coast on NPR, public and commercial stations.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Port Book and News, 104 E. First St., Port Angeles, or online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

*See Page 14 for details.*

## 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

### After Hours Music

*Venue: Bar N9ne, 229 W. First St., Port Angeles*

Bar N9ne will feature The Girdle Scouts presenting “That Dam Removal” from 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. as a prelude to local rock 'n' roll band SuperTrees' dance party, which will go until 1 a.m.

The Girdle Scouts pay homage to the tradition of burlesque performers by incorporating their own style of campy, lowbrow humor and intelligent

satire into often sexy and sassy pieces.

Their shows are produced to dazzle audiences and create an environment in which to explore the vast wealth of the troupe's combined creative vision.

SuperTrees is a fun, high-energy, rhythm-driven rock band playing creative arrangements of rock 'n' roll classics and originals.

The band was formed in 2008 and in that time, the players have focused their talents and blended their varied musical backgrounds to create a mix of high-energy dance music.

## 9 p.m. – late

### After Hours Music

*Venue: Wine on the Waterfront, The Landing mall, 115 E. Railroad Ave., Port Angeles*

The Winterlings have been described as performing “music from the new folk frontier,” and their album “The Animal Groom” has been named one of the top 10 albums of 2010 by Bellevue radio station KBCS.

Comprised of Wolff Bowden and Amanda Bird-sall, The Winterlings are noted for their stunning harmonies, poetic lyrics and thoughtful, delicately constructed songs. \$3 cover.

## Sunday, Sept. 18

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### Elwha Celebration

*Venue: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Center gymnasium, 2851 Lower Elwha Road, Port Angeles*

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## 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Explore the Elwha

*Venue: Various locations*

Join NatureBridge for a one-day free and fun educational activities to learn more about Elwha River Restoration. Organizations will host culturally, historically, scientifically or recreationally relevant activities at multiple locations along the Elwha River.

*See Pages 7-9 for details, map of locations and commemorative “passport.”*



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# Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Hosts Activities

The Lower Elwha Klallam tribe is hosting a week of activities to commemorate the dam removal.

## Heritage Center

Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, and continuing through the rest of the week, **Northwest Native Coast Salish artwork** will be on display in the main hall of the Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles.

Other events at the Heritage Center include **storytelling** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a **coastal jam session** on Friday. (*See Schedule beginning on Page 3 for complete list of activities.*)

The tribe has teamed up with poets Alice Derry and Kate Reavey to bring two evenings of poetry, song and storytelling to the Heritage Center.

**Poetry Night**, featuring poems about the Elwha, takes place Tuesday at 6 p.m. and includes internationally-known poet and Port Angeles native Tess Gallagher and Lower Elwha Klallam communications manager Brenda Francis.

Other readers from the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe include Monica Charles and Christopher Thomas.

Tuesday's event also features Tor Parker of the Makah tribe and poets Derry, Reavey, Suzie Bennett, Tim McNulty and Charlotte Warren.

With Derry's assistance, Reavey is also assembling a chapbook, featuring poems by Tuesday's readers



The Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles, will be the site of several events hosted by the tribe the week of Sept. 12-18. (Photo by Keith Thorpe)

as well as a poem by the late Raymond Carver and two by Gary Snyder. It will be available for purchase throughout the week at the Heritage Center.

**Open mic** takes place Wednesday at 6 p.m., an event where all area residents are invited to attend and share a poem, song or story.

## Fundraising dinner gala

The Lower Elwha Klallam tribe will host a **fundraising dinner gala** Friday, Sept. 16, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Vern Burton Community Center in Port Angeles. The gala will benefit tribal youth programs and education scholarships.

Former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, co-sponsor of the 1992 Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act, will deliver the dinner's keynote address and Master of Ceremonies Tom Skerrett, an actor and longtime environmentalist who lives in Seattle, will be the dinner's opening speaker.

An auction held in the evening will include a cedar hat and a limited number of signed and numbered Native American prints by Roger Fernandez and Linda Weichman.

Two ticket levels are available for the gala, \$150 and \$300, available at Lower Elwha Klallam Heritage Center and [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

## Tribal Center

There will be **open camping** at the Lower Elwha Klallam softball field, just off Lower Elwha Road and Hatchery Road.

An **Elwha Celebration** takes place at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Center, and it continues on Sunday with a continental breakfast (time to be determined.)

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## 'Cows with Guns' Artist Comes to PAFAC

Bringing together a mix of comedy, ballads and love songs, comical troubadour **Dana Lyons** performs at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 16, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lyons' sharp wit and syrupy voice have welcomed him on stages at concert halls, festivals, conventions, fundraisers and universities across the U.S. and around the world.

He will be a featured performer at the Sept. 17 ceremony at Elwha Dam, but Peninsula residents and visitors will have a chance to see and hear him in more depth the night before at the fine arts center.

The Bellingham-based crooner achieved a global radio and web hit with his satirical and infectious ballad, "Cows With Guns."

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 for Friends members. Tickets are available at PAFAC in person or by phoning 360-457-3532, at Port Book & News in Port Angeles, and at the door.



Dana Lyons



# Two-day Scientific Conference on Elwha River Dams

*Free lecture by environmentalist Yvon Chouinard 7 p.m. Thursday*

Scientists from around the region will give presentations on the Elwha River ecosystem during the **Elwha River Science Symposium**, held Thursday, Sept. 15, and Friday, Sept. 16, at Peninsula College, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles.

Proceeds from the Elwha River Science Symposium will benefit the Peninsula College Foundation.

Details and registration information can be found online at [elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org](http://elwharesearchconsortium.wildapricot.org).

On Thursday, scientists will give oral and poster presentations about their ongoing studies of the Elwha River ecosystem.

**Dr. James R. Karr** of the University of Washington will provide the keynote address.

On Friday, leaders of the scientific community discuss the "Big Picture View" of the Elwha project and its global importance.

**Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy**, biodiversity chair for The John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment, will be the keynote speaker.

Other distinguished scientists include:

- **Dr. Tom Quinn**, professor for the School of Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences, University of Washington, and author of *Pacific Salmon and Trout*.
- **Dr. Dave Montgomery**, professor for the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of Washington and author of *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations*.
- **Dr. Martin Doyle**, professor of river science and policy at the Nicholas School, Duke University.

Those not attending the science symposium can still attend its free public lecture and view submitted posters to the symposium.

On Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., hear a **free lecture by Yvon Chouinard**, a noted environmentalist and founder of the outdoor clothing and gear company, Patagonia.

Chouinard describes himself as a "reluctant" businessman.

From his earliest days as a kid growing up in southern California, he was passionate about

outdoor adventure, experience and accomplishment.

In the 1950s and '60s, Chouinard became a devoted rock climber.

He thought of some improved designs for climbing gear and began making and selling only enough gear to fund his next adventure. The company he founded later became known as Patagonia.

Throughout the company's history, utter concern for the environment and for the elements has reigned supreme in every aspect of the business.

Chouinard co-founded the "1% for the Planet" program, which today consists of 1,472 companies that donate one percent of their gross sales (not profits) to a worldwide network of environmental organization.

In the 1990s, Chouinard and Doug Tompkins,



Thomas E. Lovejoy

founder of The North Face, began to acquire large tracts of land for conservation purposes.

Some of these lands have already been donated to their respective countries as new national parks like the proposed Patagonia National Park along the Chile/Argentine border.

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# Live 'etown' Recording Features Performance by Cake

Alternative rock band **Cake**, contemporary folk artist **Eliza Gilkyson** and Port Townsend-based innovative banjo player **Danny Barnes** will all perform at the live concert and recording of the syndicated radio program "eTown" at the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the Arts NW website at [artsnw.org](http://artsnw.org) or at Port Book and News, 104 E. Front St., Port Angeles.

"eTown" is a weekly radio broadcast carried by 350 stations worldwide, including 103.7 The Mountain (KMTT) in Seattle, which airs the program Sundays at 7 a.m.

Hosted by **Nick and Helen Forster**, "eTown" mixes live music from top performers from a wide variety of styles with conversation and information about our communities, our environment and common sense stewardship.

The two hosts are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the environmentally conscious music variety program they founded in Boulder, Colo., in 1991.

Each program also includes the presentation of the E-chievement Award, highlighting "hometown heroes who have taken small steps toward solving big problems."

"eTown" culminates with a finale where all fea-

tured artists take to the stage together for one last song.

As longtime friends of the show, Cake will share material from its latest musical explorations, as well as conversation on things that have transpired personally and professionally since the band's last stop in "eTown."

Musical wizard Danny Barnes will make a second stop in "eTown" to share from his latest collection of material.

Singer/songwriter and "eTown" veteran Eliza Gilkyson will share her own unique brand of socially conscious folk and Americana music, as well as conversation on her latest involvements with social causes.

"We hope that bringing our program to Port Angeles for this live radio show taping will help raise awareness around the world for the great work that will be done here to better the environment and restore the area's natural habitat," said co-host Nick Forster.

## When will it air?

The closest "eTown" station is The Mountain (103.7 FM) in Seattle, which airs the program Sundays at 7 a.m. The air date for the Port Angeles recording was not available as of publication, but is possibly the last week of November or first week of December. All "eTown" shows can also be streamed online at [etown.org](http://etown.org)



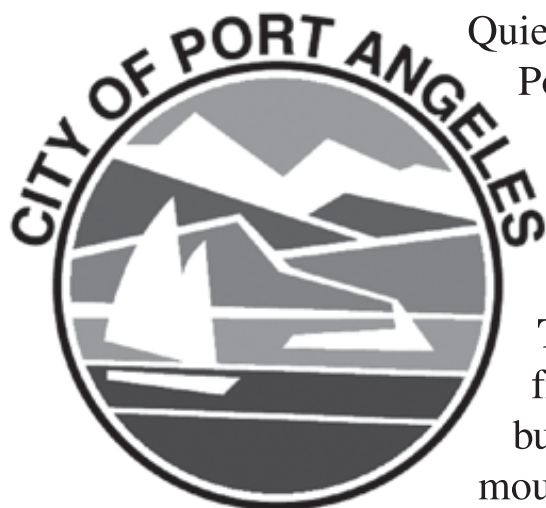
**LEFT:** Cake will be one of three musical acts for the "eTown" show recorded in Port Angeles.

**BELOW, FROM LEFT:** "eTown" hosts Nick and Helen Forster and performers Eliza Gilkyson and Danny Barnes



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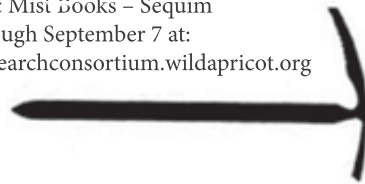


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